

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated August 16, 2007 indicated that applicants' reply, which was mailed by Express Mail on May 29, 2007, was non-compliant because Claim 14 did not have a status identifier. The amendment has been re-submitted with the indication that Claim 14 is an original claim.

Declaration

A Declaration of the Inventors in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b) was submitted with applicants' reply on May 29, 2007.


CONCLUSIONS

With the above amendments, there are 6 independent claims and 20 total claims. The fee for the three excess independent claims was provided in the check for \$730.00 enclosed with applicants' May 29, 2007 reply. The \$730.00 check covered the \$130 surcharge for late submission of the Declaration and \$600 for three excess independent claims (large entity). It is believed that no additional fee is required with this Reply. However, if there are unanticipated fees required to maintain pendency of this application, the USPTO is authorized to withdraw the payment for those fees from Deposit Account 01-1785. Any overpayments may be credited to Deposit Account 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted

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